

1 A RESOLUTION recognizing the Commonwealth of Kentucky as a welcoming
2 state that celebrates the growing diversity of its residents and acknowledges that refugees,
3 immigrants, and all newcomers enhance the culture and the economy.

4 WHEREAS, refugees and immigrants come to Kentucky with the promise of
5 freedom, hope, and opportunity in a new country and become contributing members in
6 our communities; and

7 WHEREAS, community and faith-based organizations in Louisville, Lexington,
8 Bowling Green, and Owensboro continue to welcome refugees and immigrants arriving in
9 Kentucky; and

10 WHEREAS, these new Kentuckians are workers, students, business owners,
11 parents, neighbors, and community leaders; and

12 WHEREAS, Kentucky is home to a diverse population of refugees and immigrants,
13 adding to the economic strength and cultural richness of our communities; and

14 WHEREAS, no individuals should be discriminated against because of their
15 national origin; and

16 WHEREAS, all persons, including those new to our state, should be afforded the
17 opportunity to participate in the democratic process;

18 NOW, THEREFORE,

19 ***Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of***
20 ***Kentucky:***

21 ➔Section 1. The Senate of the Commonwealth of Kentucky does hereby proclaim
22 February 16, 2017, as Refugee and Immigrant Day at the Capitol in order to affirm the
23 beauty and richness of our diversity, and in so doing the members of the Senate
24 acknowledge that all are welcome, accepted, and appreciated.

25 ➔Section 2. The Clerk of the Senate is directed to transmit a copy of this
26 Resolution to Senator Perry B. Clark.